

U.S. Navy Posts Notices Urging Seamen to Watch Out for UFOs

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Official posters issued by the U.S. Navy and posted on American and Canadian merchant ships warn seamen to be on the lookout for any UFOs and report them immediately to the military.

It's all part of a general alert to report anything that could be a threat to the security of the U.S. and Canada. The posters urge seamen to report any foreign planes, ships, guided missiles, submarines — and UFOs.

The posters have illustrations of all these objects, including a drawing of a flying saucer and a spaceship which are labeled "Unidentified Flying Objects."

Even though the U.S. government announced in 1969 that its official investigation of UFOs had ended, the posters are still being distributed and are supposed to be displayed on ships' bridges and in radio rooms.

"The purpose is to enlist the cooperation of United States and Canadian merchant ships in the collection of information regarding any potential threat to the North American continent," commented a Navy spokesman.

"The basic thrust is to report all airborne and waterborne objects which appear to be hostile, suspicious or unidentified."

He said the poster illustration of the UFOs "is merely to guide the reporting of airborne objects which cannot otherwise be categorized."

If a UFO is spotted, the ship is supposed to transmit a report to the nearest naval or Coast Guard radio station or

Please Post in Radio Room and on the Bridge

FOR EARLY WARNING IN DEFENSE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT

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RADIOTELEGRAPH PROCEDURE

1. WHAT TO REPORT

Report immediately all airborne and waterborne objects which appear to be HOSTILE, SUSPICIOUS or are UNIDENTIFIED.

Guided Missiles: Surface warships positively identified as not U.S. or Canadian. Aircraft or controls which appear to be directed against the United States, Canada their territories or possessions. Submarines. Unidentified Flying Objects.

2. SEND TO ANY

United States Naval Radio Station
Canadian Naval Radio Station
United States Coast Guard Radio Station
United States Commercial Radiotelegraph Station
Canadian Department of Transport Coastal Station

Receiving stations will relay to military destination

DRAWINGS of UFOs are featured on the poster issued to merchant ships.

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other communication facility. The report is then relayed to the nearest military or air defense command, to North American Air Defense Command headquarters, to the Strategic Air Command, the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff and other agencies, according to the Joint Army Navy Air Publication (JANAP) which distributed the posters.

The JANAP instructions say: "Every effort should be made to substantiate vital intelligence sightings by taking as many photographs as possible.

"Undeveloped film or prints and negatives should be forwarded with a brief letter report and other identifying information to either the Director of Naval Intelligence or Chief of the Defense Staff, Canadian Forces Headquarters."

UFO delegates say scoffers dwindling

LONDON (AP) — A two-day congress on Unidentified Flying Objects opened Sunday in London with 350 delegates from 16 countries who say they are no longer laughed at and accused of seeing "little green men."

Several noted that President Carter is among the thousands of persons who have reported seeing what could have been UFOs.

Organizers said it was "pure coincidence" that the congress coincides with the 37th World Science Fiction Convention being held in Brighton, 50 miles south of London. Some 3,000 science fiction writers and buffs are attending the Brighton meeting.

The congress is organized by the British UFO Research Association.

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